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OUTLINES 1950 CHINESE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

The following economic summary has been extracted from an annotated map originally appearing on 1 October 1950 in the Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao.

1. Heavy Industry

At present, approximately 90 percent of the heavy industry throughout China has been restored. Emphasis in rehabilitation has been placed on the Northeast, which in 1950 is expected to produce 720,000 tons of pig iron, 540,000 tons of ingot steel, 340,000 tons of steel materials, and 17 million tons of coal.

2. Railways

Railway mileage throughout China, including Taiwan, now totals 26,657 kilometers, of which 24,794 kilometers are in liberated areas. As a result of the combined efforts of railway personnel, troops, and Soviet technicians, practically all lines are in operation and over 9,000 bridges have been regained.

The Ch'eng-tu--Chungking Ra'lway, 530 kilometers long, is now under construction. It is estimated that 125 kilometers will be opened to service by the end of 1950.

Also under construction are lines from Ta-t'ung to Taiyuan, from Shensi to T'ien-shui in Kansu, and from a point in southern Yunnan to Ho-k'ou on the Vietnamese border.

3. Airlines

Domestically, two lines began operations on l August 1950, Tientsin-Hankow-Canton and Tientsin-Chungking-Kunming. The Sino-Soviet Joint Civil Aviation Corporation has estalished three international routes which also began operations on languat 1950, Peiping-Mukden-Harbin-Tsitsihan Chital Peiping-Kahgan-Ulan Bator-Irkutsk, and Peiping-Taiyuan-Lachou-Chiu-ch'uan-Unimchi-Alma-Ata.

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4. Shipping

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Coastal shipping lines throughout the country now total 15,000 kilometers, of which 12,000 are in operation. Internal shipping lines extend 60,000 kilometers, all of which are open to traffic.

Textiles

There are now a total of 5,198,200 spindles in the country, of which 4,200,000 are in operation.

6. Agriculture

Land surface under cultivation in China now amounts to 1,400,000,000 mou. In 1950, a total of 14 million mou of nonarable land will be reclaimed, of which one million mou will be made into state farms. In 1949, the total yield amounted to 2,125,000,000 piculs; in 1950 this figure will be increased by 100 million piculs. The acreage devoted to cotton has been increased to 60,250,000 mou, which will yield 15 million piculs of cotton, exceeding the 1949 yield by 75 percent.

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